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The Borgmann mill is a one and a half story structure, built between 1847 and 1850 by Frederich W. Borgmann, a German-born artisan and farmer. This building is structurally sound with all its hand-hewn support members wood-pinned. It contains a double-door entrance on the east gable wall, which provided entry for mule teams or oxen used to power the mill. An unusual Dutch door is located on the southeast corner of the east wall through which the business of the mill was probably conducted. The windows on the first and second floor are boarded with wood siding and appear never to have been glazed. Although the present roof is of modern corrugated sheet metal, the original, unpainted board sheathing is nailed to the rafters.

The mill's interior is simple in plan, consisting of the main floor and a second-story loft (see accompanying floor plan). A wooden stairway on the east side leads to the second story where milling operations occurred. A ledge is located between the first and second floor on the northeast corner of the building. The position of this ledge suggests that it gave access to mill machinery when repairs or minor adjustments were necessary.

The milling machinery, constructed of oak and apple-root wood, is in excellent condition and indicates little or no wear. Each piece is hand-carved and connected by wooden pins. Separate pieces of wooden lath have been employed to give further strength and support to the joints. The design of the wooden parts forming the machinery is simple in plan and displays the accuracy necessary for precision in hand-crafted machinery.

A large wheel, approximately 15 feet in diameter and studded with wooden pegs on both sides of the rim, is suspended on a large upright drive shaft, located in the center of the first floor. The wooden pegs of this wheel mesh with the bars of a cog wheel located directly east of the central wheel. This main cog wheel controls two smaller wooden cogs which in turn power the grinding and hulling process. The grinding stone and barley huller are located on the second floor directly above and are connected to this machinery.

The grinding stone is circular in form and contains a hole in its center for the introduction of the whole-grain corn. The corn meal, the product of the milling process, flowed from a hole to one side of the stone. The barley huller is located close to the grinding stone.

Four mules in two teams powered the Borgmann mill, although it is probable that owen were also used as motive power. These teams were hitched to a tongue protruding from the central log shaft on the first floor.

Currently the mill houses farm machinery on the ground level.

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The Borgmann Mill is historically significant because it is perhaps the only "barley huller and corn grinder" constructed entirely of wood left in Missouri or the Middle West. As one commentator noted in the late 19th century, "I doubt if there are presently more than one or two wooden corn mills in the Mississippi Valley. . .very few were ever built (William Wisser, "Corn Mills in the Middle West," Machinery Institute Proceedings, 1:27, January, 1898). Powered by mule teams or oxen, the mill's survival provides considerable information for the study of the early milling industry in Missouri. Furthermore, its unique hand-constructed parts exemplify the ingenuity and skill required of early settlers in their efforts to introduce time- and labor-saving machinery into their wilderness environment.

Designed and constructed by Frederick Wilhelm Borgmann, a German immigrant who had migrated from his homeland to the Femme Osage Valley in St. Charles County in 1842 and who a few years later had settled with his bride in Warren County's Emmaus Valley, the mill provided custom corn grinding and barley hulling for neighboring farmers. The date of construction is not known. The local population, however, estimates that the mill is at least 110 years old and probably older. ("Handiwork of Young German is Fascinating, Some of His Tools are Puzzling, "Washington Missourian, April 11, 1963.)

Borgmann probably operated his mill for only a short period of time. Since the machinery shows little sign of wear, it is possible that Borgmann may never have been able to fully perfect his equipment. (Mr. William Beaver, present owner of the Borgmann Mill, interviewed by H. Roger Grant, staff member, Missouri State Historical Survey and Planning Office, June 26, 1970.) And, too, by 1854 another local miller, C. H. Schaaf had converted his ox-mill to steam power. The Schaaf Mill, later known as Bierbaum's Steam Grist and Sawmill, was located less than one mile east of Borgmann's mill and enjoyed a more favorable location, being at the junction of two main county roads. (History of St. Charles, Montgomery and Warren Counties, Missouri, 1885, p. 1033.)

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In addition to his milling activities, Borgmann was also known as a manufacturer of wooden shoes, carpet looms and other wooden tools and equipment. These tools, excluding the mill and its machinery, were sold by Borgmann's descendants at public auction in 1963. ("Handiwork of Young German is Fascinating, Some of His Tools are Puzzling," Washington Missourian, April 11, 1963.)

The present owner plans to restore the mill to operative condition.

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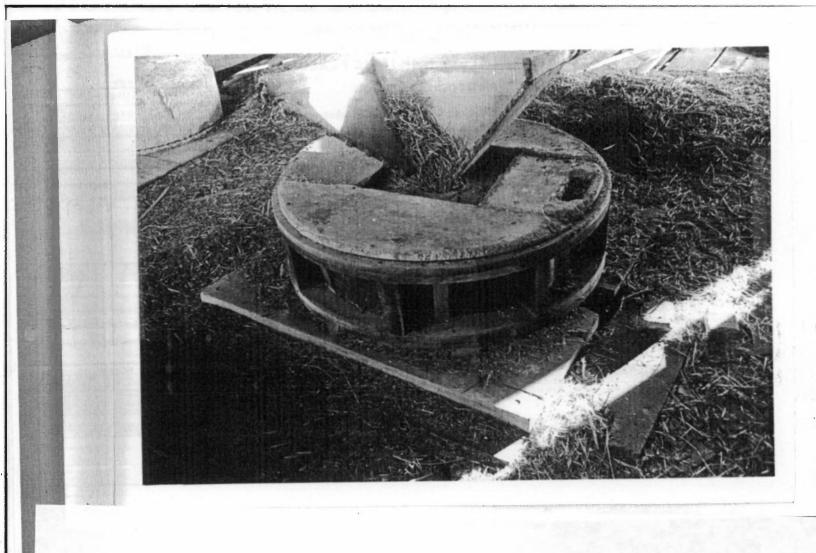
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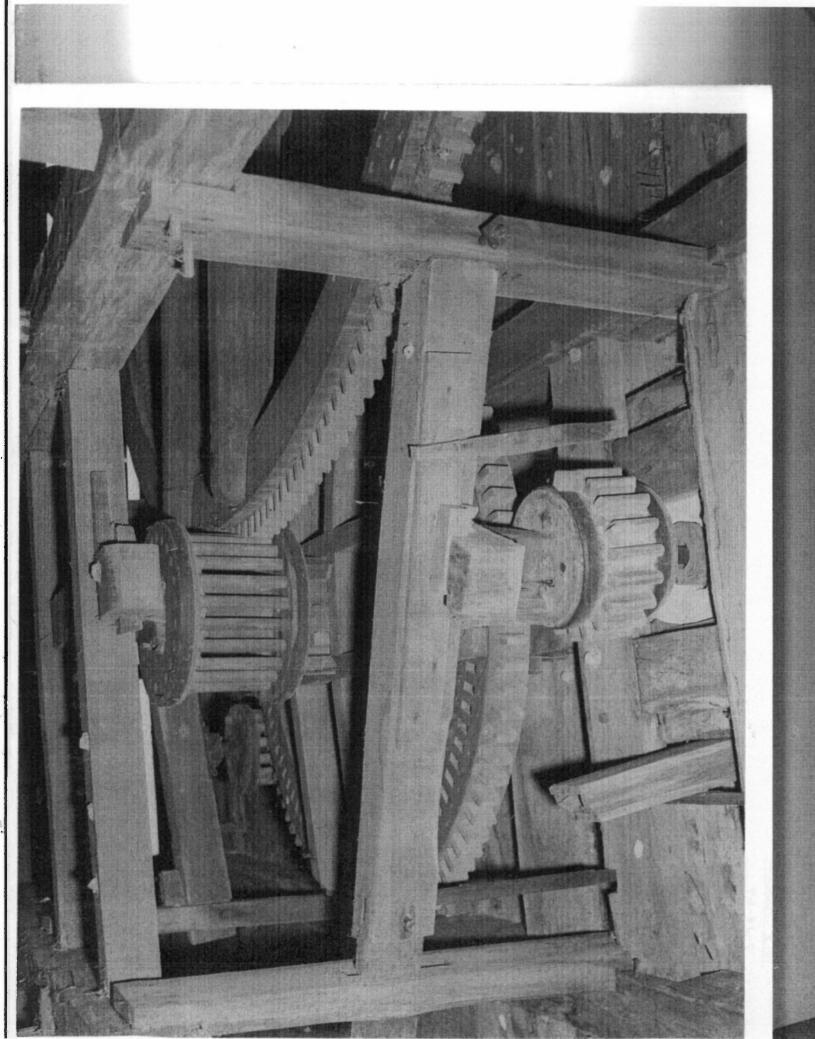
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principal parts of the milling machinery. The 15 foot central wheel is to the left. Its wooden pegs fit precisely into the main cog wheel at right. in the top portion of photograph. A wooden chute for the finished product DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View from the ground floor looking north at the The corn grinding stone is just visible through the second story flooring is to the right of the stone.



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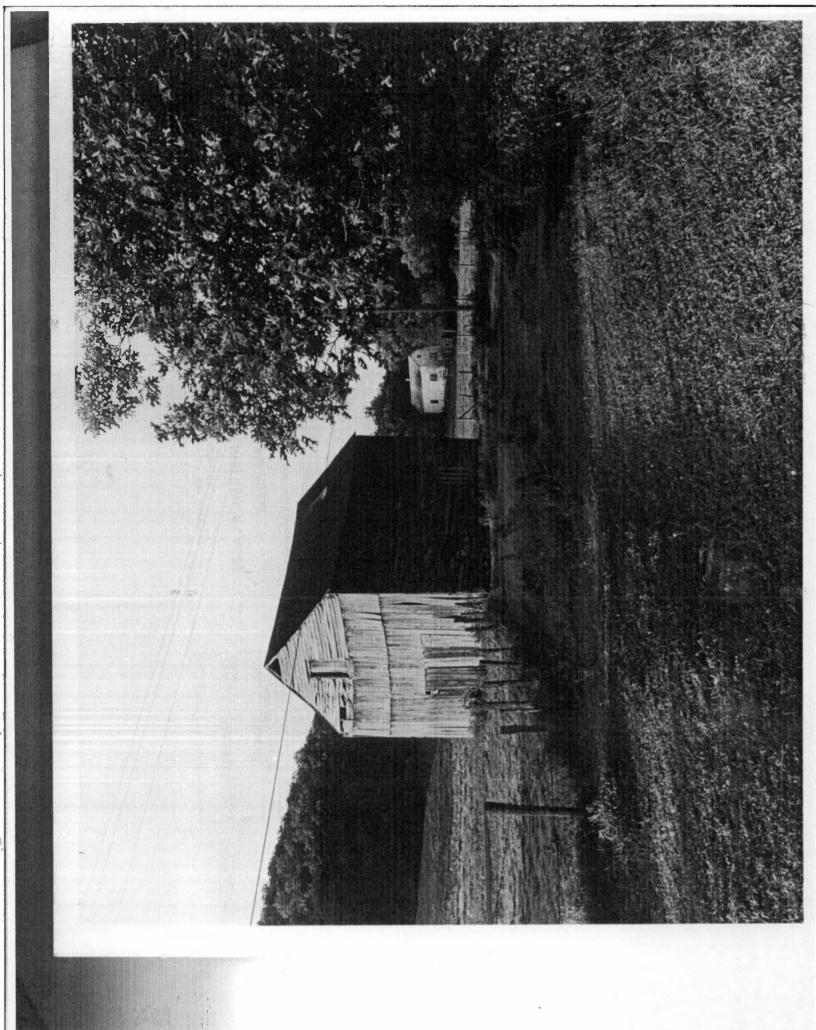
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built by Borgmann in 1870. Old road bed is in the foreground, and passes From southwest, view to the northeast. Stone house to the right, was to the right (south) of the barn.



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right may have been the entry way for the horse and mule teams. Sheathing View from the northwest of west gable end wall. Double door entrance at was applied vertically to the west end of the building below the gable.

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